

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 21, 2002,
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

FURTHER SEQUENCE IDENTIFIER AMENDMENT

Please further amend the specification, at page 63, by
replacing the paragraph at lines 7-12 with the following:

For the PCR amplification for plasmid pKSA, the
following synthetic oligonucleotides were used as mutagenic
primers, one containing a PstI site and the other a HindIII site:
5' -GATGGCCTGCAGGCTGCCCGGCGGTGTGAGCA- 3' (SEQ ID NO: 50) and 5'
-GCCGAAGCTTGAGACCCCCGCCGGCGCGGGTCGC- 3' (SEQ ID NO: 51)

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 39, 50, 52-54, as follows:

39. (Twice Amended) A method of making a polyketide by
culturing the microorganism of claim 27 wherein said
microorganism is an actinomycete.
